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Hollywood 4WRD meeting - Monday May 9 @ 3 p.m. Location TBD

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Greetings Hollywood 4WRD,

It has been awhile since we've met as a large group, but I know there are many efforts in the works that are keeping people busy with smaller meetings. It would be a good time for us to come back together and share what is going on and regroup. We have much to talk about. In particular;

1. LAHSA will soon release the **2016 Homeless Count** numbers, and it will be important for us to analyze what the Hollywood results show – especially the demographic and youth surveys.
2. The **PATH Fernwood Shelter** will be closing in a couple of months ☹ and this will have huge ramifications for our neighborhood. This shift away from bridge or shelter housing to permanent housing does not help communities in the face of the explosion of encampments in our city and county. How can we be a voice re/ this?
3. Related to that, the city and county are grappling with ways in which funding can be tied to some of the ambitious policy and program objectives laid out in their plans, released in January. The Mayor's budget will be coming out later this week and we are all looking to see what **resources** are earmarked for homeless-related services. I have heard that both the city and county have discussed **tax increases**. IMHO I don't know how we make progress without more financial resources.
4. The city council is finalizing its ordinance related to the belongings on the public right-of-way (**56.11**) and perhaps by then, we'd have some clarity on the go-forward strategy.
5. We've had a **Top 14 Working Group** continuing to advocate for treatment for our most vulnerable homeless individuals who suffer from mental illness and we are tracking individuals once they become conserved to see what happens next.
6. We had a productive meeting with DMH re/ the **Assisted Outpatient Treatment** program – we are hoping to find ways that appropriate candidates can be referred into that program.
7. LAPD has created a new senior position to coordinate all homeless-related issues that law enforcement encounters. Commander Todd Chamberlain is taking this position, and perhaps we can get a report on how this will play out in Hollywood.
8. Renovation of **The Center in Hollywood** is nearing its completion – which is extremely exciting – and will be planning a grand re-opening in July. Much to celebrate here!

And, I know that is not all that is going on...but that's a start.

Additionally, I've been wondering if we as a coalition should consider sponsoring some type of **community Town Hall on homelessness**, to help our residents and business understand what is happening. The landscape has shifted considerably in the last two years or so, and I think the public is confused about who is doing what, and why we are in the state we are in. This could be an opportunity to educate people about the crisis in affordable housing, the lack of housing and employment options for people leaving the criminal justice systems, the ACLU lawsuits that uniquely impact LA, the shift in federal funding priorities and the like. I'd be interested in your thoughts on this. If we were to do this, we'd need to pull together a working group – and perhaps do this in conjunction with our council office and supervisor's office.

Please set aside this date and time (Monday, May 9, 2016 from 3 – 5 p.m.) and let me know if there is a good potential location.

Kerry